taken history. Those are incidental difficulties which we cannot completely remove.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: If so, can't you appoint junior Malayalam Pandits in Lower Secondary Schools also?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: That is a matter of finance. Unless a case has been made out that it is absolutely essential, it is a question of additional expenditure. For the present it will not be possible to consider the question of additional staff.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to refer the matter to the Teachers' Association for their remarks?

Mr. President: That will not arise out of the question.

HOSTELS OR BOARDING HOUSES FOR NAMBUDIRI PUPILS—EXPENDITURE ON

129. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is a hostel or boarding house for Nambudiri pupils anywhere in the State; and if so,

(*b*) at how many centres there are such hostels or boarding houses;

(*c*) what is the expense incurred by Government per annum for each such hostel or boarding house;

(*d*) how many boarders are there in each such hostel or boarding house?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two. Trichur and Panjal.

(*c*) The amount of grant is not fixed for a year. It will vary according to the strength in the hostel.

I. The Nambudiri Girls' Hostel at Trichur is given the following grants.—

i. A grant of Rs. 2—8—0 per head per month.

ii. Rent grant of Rs. 20 a month.

The amount of grant paid to the hostel in 1116 is Rs. 1,864—2—0.

II. The English N. B. V. Sadanam, Panjal, is given the following grants.

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i. Boy boarder at Re. 1—4—0 per head per month.

ii. Girl boarder at Rs. 2—8—0 per head per month.

iii. Rent grant of Rs. 5 per month.

The amount of grant paid to the Sadanam in 1116 is Rs. 758—12—0.

(*d*) The strength at the end of Thulam is as follows.—

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NELLIAMPATHIES GHAT ROAD—DAMAGE TO

130. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to answer.—

(*a*) when the Ghat Road to the Nelliampathies went out of use;

(*b*) what exactly were the damages caused to the road;

(*c*) when did the Engineers first inspect the road;

(*d*) when was the estimate prepared;

(*e*) when were the tenders called for for the work;

(*f*) was there a request from the Nelliampathy Planters that the work may be given to three different persons;

(*g*) whether the contract has been given;

(*h*) if so, to how many contractors was it given;

(*i*) who is the contractor;

(*j*) has work been begun; if so, when;

(*k*) when is the work expected to be completed;

(*l*) what is the area under cultivation in the Nelliampathies;

(*m*) what is the population in the Nelliampathies;

(*n*) Is there toll-gate on the road to the Nelliampathies;

(*o*) if so, at which mile;

(*p*) how far from the toll gate up the hills is the road usable for motor traffic;

(*q*) what is the toll usually levied there;

(*r*) was it being levied after the Ghat Road was damaged;

(*s*) what is the loss to Government from loss of revenue from the tolls;

(*t*) in the case of repairs to damages caused to roads by cyclone, etc., will Government adopt speedier methods for repairing them;

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